FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST FORCE NOTES

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As many of you read the August FS Force Manager notes, you will notice some new names in key positions. Welcome Master Chief Naulty to the FS School and welcome Senior Chief Garrett to the Senior Enlisted Special Command Aide position in October.

I would like to say *Thank You* to Master Chief Sylvester for a job well done as FS Force Manager and wish him well on his new assignment CGC Gallatin.

Let me introduce myself, I am Master Chief Phelps your new FS Force Manager. As the Force Manager I will have the responsibility to fill training quotas for "C" schools, be a member of the Future Force 21, be working with the FS Program Manager and keeping the FS's informed. I am happy to be here and I look forward to working with the Master Chiefs of our rating, the FS Advisory Teams, and meeting with many of you out in the field.

I have over 22 years of service and started my career as a Subsistence Specialist. Here is an overview of my career: My first unit was the CGC Polar Star (duty cook), Station Sheboygan WI (first independent duty), CGC Glacier (watch captain), CGC Dogwood (independent duty u/w), Station Oak Island (independent duty), CGC Dallas (Senior SS), TRACEN Cape May (Quality Assurance Evaluator and Contracting Officers Technical Representative), CGC Decisive was a Pre-Commissioning Detachment and eventually Commissioned the cutter into the fleet, my last unit was Support Center Elizabeth City NC (Contracting Officers Technical Representative). I am currently assigned to Headquarters as FS Force Manager.

Points of Contact for the FS Program

FS Rating Force Master Chief	FS Detailer	FS "A" School Chief FSCM Karen Naulty 707-765-7154		
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FS "C" School Chief	MLCPAC FSAT Chief	MLCLANT FSAT		
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707-765-7492	510-437-5947	757-628-4396		
FS Subject Matter Specialist	FS Program Manager	FS Program Supervisor		
FSC Michael Merrill	CWO3 Richard Averill	Ms. Vicki Brannan		
707-765-7142	202-267-1197	202-267-2225		

SENIOR ENLISTED
SPECIAL COMMAND AID
FSCS Phillip Garrett (Rpts Mid-October)
202-267-6055

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BE FOUND ON CG MESSAGE BOARD

- 1. Coast Guard Excellence in Food Service Awards for 2003. ALCOAST 344/02
- 2. Selective Re-Enlistment Bonus (SRB). ALCOAST 329/02
- 3. Allowable Weight Standards Policy. ALCOAST 159/02
- 4. Coast Guard Dining Facilities Sale of Meals Lock Box. R 211444Z Jun 02
- 5. The most current FS rating profile: http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wp-1hmpg.htm

FS RATING PROFILE

BILLETS									
	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	TOTAL
Designated NDPO	0	0 0	345 0	379 5	229 12	114 14	29 6	6 1	1102 38
	0								
STRENGTH									
	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	TOTAL
Designated	3	81	342	375	239	127	36	7	1210
BODY-BILL	ET								
	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	TOTAL
Designated			123%	98%	99%	99%	103%	100%	106%

^{*}E-4 Includes designated E-2/E-3 personnel filling rated billets

THE SRB AND MULTIPLES EFFECTIVE ON 04 AUG 02

ZONE-A SRB MULTIPLES: ZONE-B SRB MULTIPLES:

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Members that are within 3 months or their End Of Enlistment, or within 3 months of the sixth and tenth anniversaries shall be counseled on their SRB eligibility. Read the Reenlistment Bonus Program Administration, COMDTINST 7220.33 (series) in its entirety, and sign an administrative remarks entry (CG-3307).

SRB eligible members should also understand that ultimately they decide the length of contract and actual date of reenlistment/extension. The reenlistment/extension form, CG-3301B, requires the member's signature, acknowledging that he/she has read COMDTINST **7220.33** (SERIES) and understand the impact of the reenlistment/extension on current and future SRB eligibility. If member has any SRB questions, contact well in advance of their reenlistment/extension date, their PERSRUS, career development advisor (CDAS), and senior yeomen.

Note from the FS Detailer CWO2 Sams: The Billets for FY 2003 have been coming in and being set for final posting 30 September. Please remember, putting down your concerns and the choices from the shopping list in the e-resume is your best defense in receiving the unit of choice.

November 2002 and May 2003 Servicewide:

As we move further into the year, many of you have been wondering...."When are the advancements going to pick up?" I've received a number of calls and e-mails asking how advancements look not only for the near future, but for next year as well. June is historically the best month of the year for advancements. It's difficult to predict if or how far the cuts will move, or how many Chiefs we will make next year. This year has been slow with less advancement than we typically see. Next year already looks better than this year. There are a number of retirements on the horizon. My advice to prepare for the Service Wide Exam regardless of what the predictions for advancements may be. If you have completed the new FS Practical Factors then you are good to go, if not, then the new FS practical factors will need to be signed off for the November SWE. The November Servicewide will have questions coming from the Professional Cooking book. The new Sanitation Manual is out and the May Servicewide will have questions from that manual as well.

Weight Management Self-Help Guide

Did you know that there is a WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SELF-HELP GUIDE, COMDTPUB P6200.3, it can be accessed on line, @ www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wk/g-wkw/worklife/index.htm. I have done a brief overview of this publication and find it most interesting and helpful. It can be used individually, in conjunction with the Coast Guard maximum allowable weight program, and as a menu guideline for the Galley. Under Chapter 6 the overview gives support to the FS and some standards for you to use and manage. The overview also shows some of our galleys being more progressive and offering/promoting healthier choices.

AUTOMATION OF THE FS RATE.

Coming in FY 03 we will start the process of evaluating the paperwork administration aspect of the FS rate so we can begin to automate the system. This is great news. It will cost over 5 million dollars and take about five to seven years to implement. We are currently working on a statement of work and government estimate to start the process. We anticipate implementation in Fiscal Years 04/05.

APPRENTICE-JOURNEYMAN-MASTER CONCEPT

There is a concept that is currently in the planning stages called the Apprentice-Journeyman-Master Model under Future Force 21. This concept will help match the level of professional study and practical knowledge to our current rate and rank system. Master: E-7, 8, 9. Journeyman E-5, 6. Apprentice E-3, 4. Upon graduation from "A" School, the FS will be going to Medium and Large afloat Commands, if promotion is quick and the FS makes Second Class before they are tour complete, they can take the FS Paperwork course and then go to independent duty, or upon tour complete do the training and go independent. Upon completion of their independent duty the desired path will be to go to land. The concept will also improve the professional growth within the Coast Guard by ensuring that by the time an FS reaches E-7 he/she will have had at least 5 years sea time and independent duty experience. That will better serve all future FS's to receive on the job training and have experienced leaders in the field.

Web pages of note for finding information and points of contacts:

- 1. http://cgweb.mlcpac.uscg.mil/mlcpackse/KFS/FsatWebSite.htm
- 2. http://cgweb.lant.uscg.mil//Kdiv/kseHomePage.htm
- 3. http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/g-cmcpo/1force/fmnfs.htm

The above web page addresses are great sources for finding up to date information for our rate, great points of contact for questions, and a resource for finding up to date culinary recipes and menu ideas.

Thank you for this opportunity to reach and everyone in the Food Service Specialist rating. I look forward to serving each and every one of you. I will get to meet some of you in road shows, the CG Enlisted Dining Facilities of the Year awards and when the judging starts. If you receive this copy, check with a fellow shipmate that you know and be sure this gets out to everyone. Thank you.